CLAIMS

- 1. (Amended) A cosmetic comprising 0.01 to 60 % by weight of one or more components selected from lipids contained in the stratum corneum and analogs thereof, and 0.05 to 20 % by weight of a terpene component selected from the group consisting of α -pinene, β -pinene, camphene, limonene, β -caryophyllene, α -terpineol, borneol, nopol, isobornylcyclohexanol, santalol, cedrol, guaiol, vetiverol and patchouli alcohol.
- 2. (Amended) The cosmetic according to Claim 1, wherein the lipids contained in the stratum corneum and analogs thereof are selected from among natural ceramides, ceramide analogs and fatty acid esters of steroids.
- 3. (Amended) The cosmetic according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein the lipids contained in the stratum corneum are ceramide analogs represented by the general formulae (1) to (4):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{1}OCH_{2} \\
 & | \\
O & CHOH \\
\parallel & | \\
R^{2}-C-N-CH_{2} \\
 & | \\
(CH_{2})_{n}OH
\end{array} (1)$$

wherein R^1 is a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 26 carbon atoms, R^2 is a hydrocarbon group having 9 to 25 carbon atoms, and n is a number of 2 to 6;

$$R^3$$
 OHOH OH R^5-R^6 (2)

wherein R^3 and R^4 are the same or different from each other and are, independently, a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 40 carbon atoms, which may be hydroxylated, R^5 is an alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a single bond, and R^6 is a hydrogen atom, an alkoxy group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or a 2,3-dihydroxypropyloxy group, with the proviso that R^6 is a hydrogen atom when R^5 is a single bond;

$$R^7$$
—CHOH—CH—CH₂OH
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NHCOR⁸ (3)

wherein ${\bf R}^7$ is an alkyl or alkenyl group having 11 to 21 carbon atoms, and ${\bf R}^8$ is a hydrocarbon group having 3 to 30 carbon atoms; and

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{10} (CHOR^{11})_{1} \\
 & \downarrow \\
O & CHOR^{11} \\
\parallel & \downarrow \\
R^{9} - (CHOR^{11})_{m} - C - N - CH_{2} \\
\downarrow \\
R^{12}
\end{array}$$
(4)

wherein R^9 is an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 49 carbon atoms, which may be hydroxylated, phosphorylated or sulfated, or a sub-substituent group, $-(C_aH_b)-O-Y$ (Y being a hydrogen atom or a fatty acid residue having 14 to 22 carbon atoms represented by the following formula:

 $\begin{array}{c}
O \\
\parallel \\
-C - (C_x H_y Z_z) C H_3
\end{array}$

(wherein Z is -OH, -OP₁, -OSO₃ or epoxy oxygen, x is a number of 12 to 20, y is a number of 20 to 40, and z is a number of 0 to 4), a is a number of 7 to 49, and b is a number of 10 to 98); R^{10} is an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 28 carbon atoms, which may be hydroxylated, phosphorylated or sulfated; R^{11} is a hydrogen atom, a saccharide residue, a sulfuric acid residue or a phosphoric acid residue P_1 (P_1 being a group:

 R^{12} is a hydrogen atom or a sub-substituent group:

$$-(CH2)c \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} X^1 \\ | \\ | \\ | \\ X^2 \end{pmatrix}_{d}} \xrightarrow{X^3}_{C-OR^{11}}$$

(wherein X^1 , X^2 and X^3 are, independently, a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 5 carbon atoms, which may be hydroxylated, c is a number of 0 to 4, d is 0 or 1, and R^{11} has the same meaning as defined above); and 1 and m are, independently, 0 or 1, with the proviso that 1 + m is 1 or 2 when the number of carbon atoms in R^9 is 9 to 49.

4. (Amended) The cosmetic according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein the terpene component is selected from the group consisting of santalol, cedrol, guaiol,

vetiverol and patchouli alcohol.

- 5. (Amended) The cosmetic according to any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein the terpene component is an extract, a steam distilled product or a pressed product of a plant.
- 6. A cosmetic comprising one or more components selected from lipids contained in the stratum corneum and analogs thereof, and cedrol.